## Dana Sanders Superintendent



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## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of the Los Lunas Schools in support of the Los Lunas East West Corridor Project. This project would help to alleviate traffic on main street in Los Lunas. Schools in the district are impacted by traffic congestion on a daily basis. The need for a solution to the traffic pattern and congestion in Los Lunas has been a very long time in coming.

A corridor for east and west traffic would allow our students to be safely and efficiently transported to and from school. The corridor would also help to get students that live on the east side and must commute to the west side for school, a more reasonable time on their bus ride to and from school. There are many occasions that school busses must transport students to other school districts in the state or to field trip destinations. Often this requires busses to get to Interstate-25. A corridor would make this a safer more efficient trip, increasing instructional time for students.

In addition, the Los Lunas Schools serve several medically fragile students that must receive immediate medical attention. It is very concerning that during peak hours, it is extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to get through traffic on the only way in and the only way out of Los Lunas. If for some reason, a student is injured in sports or is in need of medical attention and they are attending one of our east side schools, it is at least 20 additional minutes to get an emergency vehicle to them.

It is without question that the Los Lunas Schools support the Los Lunas East West Corridor Project. We believe it is a solution to a problem that will only continue to grow. If the problem is not addressed now, there will be additional funding issues and additional monies that will be required to ensure a safe and efficient means of alleviating traffic.

Sincerely,

Dana Sanders Superintendent

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